

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his/her careful and very thorough Office Action. Claims 1-83 are pending in the application. Claims 31-66 were allowed. Claims 2-4, 10-12, 18-20, and 27 are objected to. Examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of their respective base claims.

To move the case forward, Claims 1, 9, 17, 25-26, and 67-83 are cancelled; claims 2, 10, 18, and 27 are amended as independent claims to include all elements of their respective base claims in accordance with the remarks of the Examiner, and Claims 5-7, 13-15, 21-23, and 28 are amended to be dependent claims of Claim 2, 10, 18, and 27 respectively. Claims 3-4, 8, 11-12, 16, 19-20, 24, 29-30 should also now be in the position to be allowed as they are dependent claims of Claim 2, 10, 18 and 27 respectively.

Claims 18, 51 and 65 are amended to overcome the 35 USC 101 rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims do satisfy section 101 of the patent laws.

No subject matter is being disclaimed or waived.

Therefore, all independent claims are believed distinguished from the cited reference. By virtue of their dependence on allowable claims, all dependent claims are also therefore believed distinguished. Favorable reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Thus, all grounds of rejection and/or objection are traversed or accommodated, and favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney or Robert Groover for an interview to resolve any remaining issues.

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